

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claim 13 has been amended to be directed to statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 as anticipated by Colby. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 recites the features of “intercepting data traffic including content flowing to a destination location”; “extracting identity information for the content ... from the data traffic flow”; ...”generating a mapping from the content to the destination location” and “storing the mapping in a content index database”. Applicants submit that Colby does not disclose or even suggest these features of Claim 1.

Rather, Colby describes generating a mapping between a server and content by probing a server for content stored on it.

For example, Colby discloses the use of an intelligent content probe (ICP). More specifically, Colby discloses that “the ICP is a lightweight HTTP client whose job is to populate the CSD server with server and content information by probing servers for specific content that is not found in the CSD during a flow setup” (Colby paragraph 0052) (emphasis added). Further, Colby discloses that “the ICP probes the servers front-ended by the content-aware flow switch for information regarding server status and content ... the ICP updates the CSD with the results of this search” (Colby paragraph 0059).

Thus it can be seen that Colby only discloses probing the server (i.e. the destination location) for content information. A server is not the equivalent to the data traffic in Claim 1.

There is no disclosure or motivation to amend Colby so that the mapping between the content and destination location is obtained from data traffic including content as claimed in Claim 1.

Applicant therefore submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by or obvious in view of Colby.

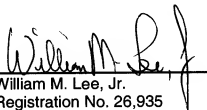
Claims 8 and 13 state equivalent features to Claim 1 and Applicant therefore submits that neither Claim 8 nor Claim 13 is anticipated by or obvious in view of Colby for at least the reasons given above.

Applicant further submits that Claims 2 to 6 are not anticipated by or obvious in view of Colby at least by virtue of their dependencies.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore urged.

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